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In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

The selection of the peptides according to the invention proves to be critical. For example, when a particular peptide,

ThrAsnThrAsnThrAsnThrAsnThrAsnThrAsn SEQ ID NO:41 which is encoded by a gene segment around nucleotide 1390 which is specific for *L. monocytogenes*, was selected for the production of antibodies, none of the antisera, surprisingly, showed a reaction with the p60 protein.